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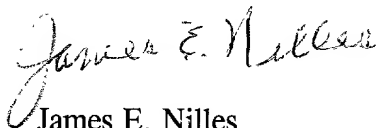
This is a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed October 24, 2001 in the above-captioned application. The following documents are submitted:

- 1) Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.
- 2) Check in the amount of \$130 in payment of the fee for late-filing of the Declaration.
- 3) Executed 2-page Declaration.
- 4) Certified copy of each of the priority documents: UK Application No. 99 07135.9, filed March 26, 1999 and UK Application No. 99 07475.9, filed March 30, 1999, for the purpose of claiming their priority.

- 5) Information Disclosure Statement, International Search Report, PTO Form 1449, and references.
- 6) Eighteen sheets of formal drawings.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this or any other communication in connection with the above-captioned patent application to Deposit Account No. 14-1080.

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e));

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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